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# The Multiphoton Interaction of “ $\Lambda$ ” Model Atom and Two-Mode Fields

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## Abstract

Starting from the C.T.Lee's criterion on non-classical effects in two-mode fields, the author of this paper have studied the system of two-mode fields interacting with atom by means of multiphotons, discussed the non-classical statistic quality of two-mode fields with interaction. Through mathematical calculation, we've come to realize some new rules of non-classical effects of two-mode fields which evolve with time.

## 1 Introduction

The non-classical effects of field is very interesting topic in quantum optics, and for a long time the interaction of atom with field, and its quantum statistic quality have been paid extensive attention to. Since E.T.Jaynes and F.W.Cummings put forward an ideal model of interaction of two-level atom and one-mode field<sup>[1]</sup> strictly resolved by pure quantum methods, people have done lots of research on J-C Model in quantum optics these years, for example, interactions of two-level atom with one photon<sup>[2]</sup>, two-photons<sup>[3]</sup> and multiphotons<sup>[4-8]</sup>, etc. Because one atom may often have multiple levels, and plenty of experiments require the consideration of a third level, people have naturally proceeded the J-C Model to the third level and discussed the interaction of three-level atom with one field. (These are called broad J-C Model), one photon process and multiphoton process, and as a result discovered many non-classical phenomena with different quantities, for instance, those of revival-collapse as well as squeezing of field and antibunching, etc.<sup>[9-11]</sup>

The significance of studying J-C Model and broad J-C Model exist in the realization of the respective quantum dynamics qualities of atom and field when they interact. Though people have done a great deal of research on J-C Model, their research is restricted to the resonance and non-resonance of one or two-photon, not covering the function of  $K(> 2)$  photons. We have already discussed the quantum statistic quality of multiphoton process<sup>[12]</sup>. By adopting the broad J-C Model and using density operator, we have obtained the mean-photon number value in this paper, and then discussed the quantum statistic quality of interaction of three-level atom with two-mode fields according to the criterion on non-classical effects put forward by C.T.Lee and consequent found some new evolution rules.

## 2 Theoretical model

Let's think about the system of the interaction of "A" atom with two-mode fields,  $|a\rangle$  is given as common upper level,  $|b\rangle$  and  $|c\rangle$  are given as lower levels, the state vector of atom are taken from

$$|a\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |b\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |c\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$ ,  $|a\rangle$  and  $|c\rangle$  is related with mode 1 and mode 2, between the  $|b\rangle$  and  $|c\rangle$  is forbiddenness of a transition. On condition of resonance ( $\omega_a - \omega_b = k_1\Omega_1$ ,  $\omega_a - \omega_c = k_2\Omega_2$ ) and RWA, the Hamiltonian of the system is expressed as

$$H = \hbar(H_0 + H_{int}) \quad (1)$$

the free part of which is

$$H_0 = \omega_a s_{11} + \omega_b s_{22} + \omega_c s_{33} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \Omega_i a_i^\dagger a_i \quad (2)$$

and the interacting part is

$$H_{int} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i (s_{1,i+1} a_i^{k_i}) + h.c \quad (3)$$

where,  $s_{1,i+1}$  are the transition operators of atom,  $s_{ii}$  ( $i=1,2,3$ ) is the level projection operators of atom,  $a_i$ ,  $a_i^\dagger$  and  $\Omega_i$  ( $i=1,2$ ) are the annihilation and creation operators, and angle frequencies of the mode  $i$  field,  $\lambda_i$  is the coupling constant of atom and field,  $\omega_a$ ,  $\omega_b$  and  $\omega_c$  are the correspondence frequencies of  $|a\rangle$ ,  $|b\rangle$  and  $|c\rangle$ ,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are the photon number of absorption or emission in transition process of atom between  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$ ,  $|a\rangle$  and  $|c\rangle$ .

Because  $H_0$  and  $H_{int}$  are the motion constant, then

$$[H_0, H_{int}] = [H_0, H] = [H_{int}, H] = 0 \quad (4)$$

so, in the interacting picture, there exists

$$H_{int}^I = e^{iH_0 t} H_{int} e^{-iH_0 t} = H_{int} \quad (5)$$

evolution operator of time in interacting picture is

$$U(t) = \exp(-iH_{int}^I t) \quad (6)$$

where the factors of density matrix  $\rho(0)$  of the initial system of atom and field is given, the average value of physical quantities of the system can be obtained from

$$\langle Q \rangle = \text{Tr}[\rho(t)Q] = \text{Tr}[U(t)\rho(0)U^\dagger(t)Q] \quad (7)$$

If  $t=0$ , the atom is in the common upper state  $|a\rangle$ , the two-mode fields are in coherent states  $|\alpha_1\rangle$  and  $|\alpha_2\rangle$ , and possess their respective mean photon numbers  $\bar{n}_1 = |\alpha_1|^2$  and  $\bar{n}_2 = |\alpha_2|^2$ , the initial density matrix of atom and fields of the system can be shown as

$$\rho(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_f(0) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

where the initial density operator of field

$$\rho_f(0) = \sum_{m_1, m_1'} \frac{\alpha_1^{m_1} \alpha_2^{m_2} \alpha_1'^{m_1'} \alpha_2'^{m_2'}}{(m_1! m_2! m_1'! m_2'!)^{1/2}} \exp[-\bar{n}_1 - \bar{n}_2] |m_1, m_2\rangle \langle m_1', m_2'| \quad (9)$$

the mean photon numbers of two-mode fields can be gained from (6)-(9)

$$\langle n_1 \rangle = \bar{n}_1 + \sum_{n_1, n_2} \lambda_1^2 k_1 \frac{(n_1 + k_1)!}{n_1!} \frac{\sin^2 ut}{u^2} p(n_1, n_2) \quad (10)$$

$$\langle n_2 \rangle = \bar{n}_2 + \sum_{n_1, n_2} \lambda_2^2 k_2 \frac{(n_2 + k_2)!}{n_2!} \frac{\sin^2 ut}{u^2} p(n_1, n_2) \quad (11)$$

and

$$\langle n_1^2 \rangle = \bar{n}_1(\bar{n}_1 + 1) + \sum_{n_1, n_2} \lambda_1^2 (2n_1 + k_1) k_1 \frac{(n_1 + k_1)!}{n_1!} \frac{\sin^2 ut}{u^2} p(n_1, n_2) \quad (12)$$

$$\langle n_2^2 \rangle = \bar{n}_2(\bar{n}_2 + 1) + \sum_{n_1, n_2} \lambda_2^2 (2n_2 + k_2) k_2 \frac{(n_2 + k_2)!}{n_2!} \frac{\sin^2 ut}{u^2} p(n_1, n_2) \quad (13)$$

$$\langle n_1 n_2 \rangle = \bar{n}_1 \bar{n}_2 + \sum_{n_1, n_2} \left[ \lambda_1^2 k_1 n_2 \frac{(n_1 + k_1)!}{n_1!} + \lambda_2^2 k_2 n_1 \frac{(n_2 + k_2)!}{n_2!} \right] \frac{\sin^2 ut}{u^2} p(n_1, n_2) \quad (14)$$

where

$$u = \left[ \lambda_1^2 \frac{(n_1 + k_1)!}{n_1!} + \lambda_2^2 \frac{(n_2 + k_2)!}{n_2!} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$p(n_1, n_2) = \frac{\bar{n}_1^{n_1} \bar{n}_2^{n_2}}{n_1! n_2!} \exp(-\bar{n}_1 - \bar{n}_2)$$

### 3 The Statistic quality of field

In general, the non-classical effects of field include squeezing state, antibunching and sub-Poisson distribution, which have been experimented. In 1990, C.T. Lee put forward the definition of second-order correlation function at zero time in identical and different modes in the two-mode field theory. The definition goes as:

$$c_i^{(2)}(0) = \langle n_i^{(2)} \rangle - \langle n_i \rangle^2 \quad (i = 1, 2) \quad (15)$$

$$c_{12}^{(2)}(0) = \langle n_1 n_2 \rangle - \langle n_1 \rangle \langle n_2 \rangle \quad (16)$$

where  $\langle n^{(2)} \rangle$  is the second factorial moment of the photon number. Therefore we have  $C_i^{(2)}(0) = 0$  for a coherent radiation, since it has a Poisson distribution of photon numbers, when  $C_i^{(2)}(0) > 0$ , we call it intramode photon bunching, which is always true for classical radiation; and, in contrast, we have intramode photon antibunching when  $C_i^{(2)}(0) < 0$ , which is possible only for non-classical fields. In analogy to Eqn. (15), we call it intermode photon bunching, if we have  $C_{12}^{(2)} > 0$ , or intermode photon antibunching if  $C_{12}^{(2)}(0) < 0$ . C.T. Lee also put forward the criterion of second order non-classical effects about two-mode radiation fields, the criterion is:

$$D_{12}^{(2)} = \langle n_1^{(2)} \rangle + \langle n_2^{(2)} \rangle - 2 \langle n_1 n_2 \rangle < 0 \quad (17)$$

the smaller the  $D_{12}^{(2)}$ , the deeper the non-classical degree of two-mode radiation fields.

Now let's discuss the evolution rules of  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$ ,  $C_2^{(2)}(0)$ ,  $C_{12}^{(2)}(0)$  and  $D_{12}^{(2)}$  in case of given initial mean photon numbers  $\bar{n}_1$  and  $\bar{n}_2$ , transition photon numbers  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ . Let  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$ ,  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = 0$ , we can see:

(a) When initial strength of two-mode fields is weak,  $\bar{n}_1 = \bar{n}_2 = 1$ . the transition photon number  $k_1 = k_2 = 1$  or 10, the evolution curves of  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$  and  $C_2^{(2)}(0)$  are the same. In  $k_1 = k_2 = 1$  process, there is cyclic fluctuation of intramode photon antibunching and bunching, and there is always intermode photon antibunching, and begin  $D_{12}^{(2)} > 0$ , then there are non-classical effects, which become deeper and deeper as time increases, with fluctuation being weak, getting close to oblique line to the right below. In  $k_1 = k_2 = 10$  process, there is not intramode photon antibunching, but there is intermode photon antibunching for  $C_{12}^{(2)}(0)$ , and there is  $D_{12}^{(2)} < 0$  from beginning to end, the evolution curves are irregular.

(b) When initial strength of the field increases,  $\bar{n}_1 = \bar{n}_2 = 10$ , and  $k_1 = k_2 = 1$ , there are always intramode photon antibunching, the revival-collapse phenomena of the evolution curves are obvious, there is intermode photon antibunching for  $C_{12}^{(2)}(0)$ , and  $D_{12}^{(2)} < 0$ , the evolution curves are steeper compared with (a). When  $k_1 = k_2 = 10$ ,  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$  and  $C_2^{(2)}(0)$  are both bigger than zero, but there is intermode photon antibunching for  $C_{12}^{(2)}(0)$ , and  $D_{12}^{(2)} < 0$ , the evolution curves fluctuate

faster, compared with the above.

(c) When initial strength of the field  $\bar{n}_1$  and  $\bar{n}_2$  are constant, and the transition photon numbers is changed. If  $\bar{n}_1 = \bar{n}_2 = 1, k_1 = 1, k_2 = 10$ , there is always intramode photon antibunching for  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$ , but not for  $C_2^{(2)}(0)$ , there is always intermode photon antibunching for  $C_{12}^{(2)}(0)$ , there is  $D_{12}^{(2)} < 0$  from start to finish, all amplitudes of evolution curves increase. If  $k_1 = 10, k_2 = 1$ , the evolution curves of  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$  are pictured as  $C_2^{(2)}(0)$ , curves of  $C_2^{(2)}(0)$  as  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$ , curves of  $C_{12}^{(2)}(0)$  and  $D_{12}^{(2)}$  are as the above. When the transition photon number is given, the initial strength of the field is changed, if  $k_1 = k_2 = 1, \bar{n}_1 = 0.1, \bar{n}_2 = 1$ , the evolution curves of  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$  are pictured as  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$  in (a) ( $\bar{n}_1 = \bar{n}_2 = k_1 = k_2 = 1$ ), but the wavy curves are parallelly shifted down, and the amplitudes increase a little, and  $C_2^{(2)}(0)$  are pictured as  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$  in (a). If  $\bar{n}_1 = 1, \bar{n}_2 = 0.1$ , the evolution curves of  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$  and  $C_2^{(2)}(0)$  are reversed compared with the above. There are antibunching for  $C_{12}^{(2)}(0)$  and non-classical effects for  $D_{12}^{(2)}$ .

## 4 conclusion

The result of the paper continues to show that the non-classical effects of two-mode fields interacting with “ $\Lambda$ ” atom by means of multiphotons are not only related to the initial strength of two-mode fields, but also absorption or emission the number of photons in the transition process between atomic levels. In the same time an interesting phenomenon of mode-competition exists, under identical conditions, two modes have identical status in the mode-competition, and  $C_1^{(2)}(0)$  and  $C_2^{(2)}(0)$  reveal identical evolution rules. Different conditions, namely identical number of photons transition between atomic levels but different initial strengths of two-mode fields, or different number of photons transition between atomic levels but identical initial strength of two-mode fields will all lead to the generation of the phenomenon of mode-competition. On the other hand, the more the transition photons, the more disadvantageous they are to register where fields enter non-classical effects.

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